

TWO GO ON TRIAL FOR MURDER OF A MAN ON TRESTLE

Hat of the Dead Man Found on One Led to Their Arrest.

SHOT FOREIGNER, IS CHARGE

Judge Umel Presides Over Trial and Selection of a Jury Occupies Morning Session of Court—Other Cases Taken Up at the Present Term.

Special to The Courier.
UNIONTOWN, Dec. 5.—The first murder trial of the December term began this morning when Mike Pudas and Lesko Velko were arraigned before Judge Umel on the charge of killing Melvin Yuskow on a trestle between Altoona and Martin on the evening of November 17.

The discovery of Velko's hat on the wounded man when he was brought to the Uniontown hospital, where he died later, led to the arrest of the pair. County Detective John J. Smith found Velko's hat in Velko's possession, it is charged.

Attorney E. C. Hughes and G. D. Clarke appeared for the defense. Assistant District Attorney S. John Morrow conducting the case for the commonwealth. The morning session was occupied by the selection of jurors. Those who have been chosen are: John Hooten, foreman, South Union; John Thorpe, laborer, Dunbar township; William W. Beant, housekeeper, Dunbar borough; John Hooten, Uppelmann, South Union; James A. Hake, farmer, Wheaton; William S. Chubbuck, farmer, Jefferson.

John Shebeck was yesterday sentenced to two years in the Allegheny county work house, following his conviction on charges of assaulting and threatening to kill and murder Paul Lorenz.

The grand jury returned a true bill yesterday in the case of Clyde S. Campbell of Connelville, charged with abandoning infants, by Helen Kunk Campbell, his wife.

Attorneys argued a motion for a new trial in the case of S. Menheim, convicted of using short weights and measures.

Although charged by Adam Musenbacher with wearing the prosecutor's shirt in the court room, Wesley Johnson was yesterday acquitted of the charge of larceny and receiving stolen goods, when he claimed that he got the shirt, a suit and given him by his landlady before leaving her home for new quarters.

Mrs. Ellen Black of Brownsville, negro, was jailed yesterday, pending an investigation of her alleged connection with the burglary of the home of Mrs. Margaret Milliken, East Altoona, and the alleged assault on that woman in attempting to make her show the hiding place of her money. George Davis, colored, was charged with the crime and implicated the woman as an accomplice.

Mike Sedla got four years in the Western Penitentiary yesterday for assault and battery and unlawful cutting of Mike Peter at Huntington, October 15.

Richard Jenkins, colored, was convicted yesterday on the charges of assaulting and unlawfully cutting Jesse Smith, at Layton.

James Hooten, colored, was yesterday sentenced to thirty days in the county jail and to pay \$10 fine and costs for attacking Nick Silver, a South Galatin avenue store keeper.

STRIKING TRAINMEN ARE AT ODDS; TACTICS IN DISPUTE

Activity of Industrial Workers of World Among Employes Results in Friction.

United Press Telegram.
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 5.—Discussion among the striking trainmen at the Homestead and Bradock mills of the Carnegie Steel Company grew more bitter today over the suggestion by the Industrial Workers of the World for a sympathetic strike of all workers in the plants.

The leaders of the trainmen are against the proposed action, but the rank and file of the employes are in favor of a walkout. Industrial Workers of the World met in West Homestead today and organized to help the strikers.

Another meeting to denounce the Industrial Workers of the World will be held. An open break in the strikers' ranks is expected.

Minority Secures a Point.
United States Judge Hay on Wednesday at Cleveland, granted the petition of the minority stockholders of the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad to make the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad a part of the Erie Railroad system.

Slain Killed Hunting Rabbits.
The two all-fur rabbit hunting season in Ohio, which ended yesterday, cost more human lives. In addition, 33 were wounded.

Oil Fever in Pittsburgh.
The oil fever is becoming epidemic in this section again owing to price jumps, and operators are scrambling to secure new producing territory.

YOUTH, ILL AND WITHOUT FRIENDS, IS GIVEN AID

Efforts Will be Made by Charity Workers to Have Him Sent to Mont Alto for Treatment.

Without relatives in this country, his parents in Germany, Albert Schultz, 19 years old, said to have tuberculosis, is being befriended by Connelville citizens.

According to the boy's story, he came from Germany about six years ago. For four years he worked at odd jobs in New York. Then he heard of Western Pennsylvania and the possibilities there. He started for the coke region. Employment as a laborer with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company was found.

The past two years were spent at hard work in and near Connelville. He became ill, grew weaker slowly, and at last a physician told him he was in the grasp of the "white plague." He continued working until he became too weak. Yesterday he came to the City Hall and sought help.

His condition touched Burgess J. L. Evans, and efforts to aid the boy were begun. The Rev. J. L. Prouditt, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and E. T. Baer, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., became interested in Schultz on learning of him.

Burgess Evans, the Rev. Mr. Prouditt and Mr. Baer, after a search, found a quiet home for the boy. He will be kept there while they endeavor to make arrangements to have him treated at Mont Alto.

MEYERSDALE COUNCIL WANTS SOME RETURN FOR FRANCHISE

Declines to Let Gas Company Lay Mains Without Giving Borough Free Light and Fuel.

Special to The Courier.
MEYERSDALE, Dec. 5.—In a communication read before Council on Tuesday evening, T. O. Sullivan, general manager of the Manufacturers Light and Heat Company of Pittsburgh, charges that operations in drilling for gas in Somerset county are being held up on account of the Meyersdale council refusing to pass the franchise ordinance granting to his company the privilege of laying gas mains in the streets and alleys of this borough.

As a consideration for these privileges Council has made a demand for 50 street gas lamps to be erected and maintained by the gas company.

At the borough during the life of its franchise. The electric light company pays annually to the borough, for the rights and privileges it enjoys, the sum of \$750 per annum, besides minor concessions. Council men do not think it right or just that a foreign corporation should expect a franchise simply for the asking.

Thus the matter rests, and it seems altogether probable that it will continue to rest until the said gas company "comes across" with the goods.

WILL NEVER STEAL AGAIN, MAN DECLARES TO SQUIRE

Pays Costs for Theft of \$20 and Prosecution is Dropped; Promises to Be Good.

Reuben Brown will never steal again. Once in a lifetime is enough for him. Last night before Squire Lawrence Donegan he pleaded guilty to "stealing, carrying and taking away from the person" of John Wilson the sum of \$20, several days ago.

Constable Charles Wilson served the man and last night before Squire Lawrence Donegan he pleaded guilty to "stealing, carrying and taking away from the person" of John Wilson the sum of \$20, several days ago.

Both parties to the action are white and live in Connelville.

FIVE COPS GONE

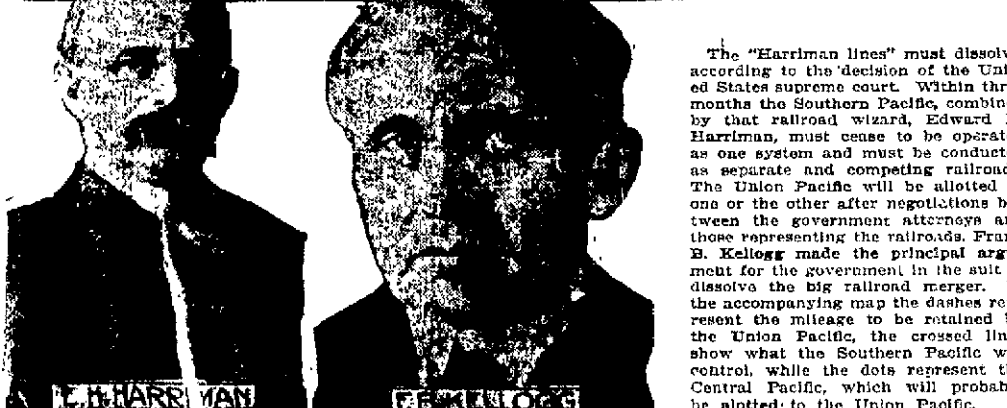
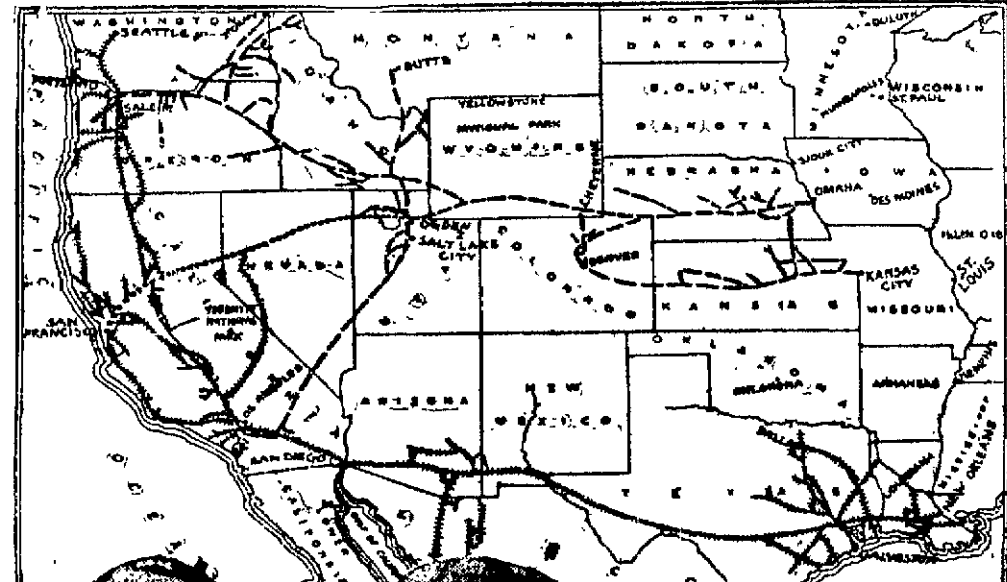
Chief and Four Others Attending Court at Uniontown as Witnesses.

There was a general exodus this morning of Connelville police. Five of the peace, no less than five members of the police force going to Uniontown on court duty.

Chief of Police George Hutzel, Policemen John Laws, Thomas McDonald, James Francis and J. J. Leary are the five members of the department who are spending the day at the county seat where they were called to testify in several court cases.

This leaves but two members of the force on hand in case anything exciting should break.

Map of Greatest Railway System Which Must be Dissolved



MISTY RAIN FALLS OVER COKE REGION; HIGH WINDS BLOW

Funny December Weather Makes the Coal Man Feel Sad.

Even Kinkers Admit There is Some Consolation in Reduced Coal Bills Even if Spring is Hanging Around Rather Long in "Black" December.

TEMPERATURE STAYS MODERATE

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"Misty" rain was in order today, and made life miserable for all who had to be out of doors.

When the two-troopers hit the home-ward trail last night they were surprised to find that the weather had made another turn and that rain was falling quite rapidly.

The downpour continued through the night accompanied by high winds, and when morning broke the drops were still gently falling. It was a warm rain, too, and the atmosphere was heavy, but the humidity being especially annoying and almost unbearable.

Squire P. M. Buttermore, of the West Side, said he liked the kind of weather prevailing this fall. For one thing, he declared, it hadn't been as cold as it was last winter, when the weather, even at this time was awfully hard on the coal pile.

"Why," he said, "I burned a hundred bushels of coal last winter up to this time. I've never seen any better fall weather than this. It's certainly grand this time of the year. It's like a spring morning."

Squire Buttermore's opinion of the weather was shared quite generally. Soft coal delivered costs nine cents a bushel, and the weather man who has saved the average housekeeper the consumption, so far this season, of nine dollars worth of fuel, is highly commended for his praiseworthy efforts.

With Christmas less than three weeks away every dollar saved on fuel means a larger sum on hand to spend for holiday gifts. And there never was a year when the shop windows looked more inviting than they do this season.

Whether today will break the charm of the bright, warm, sunny, rainy, cold stormy days in December is uncertain, but the rain is a welcome guest, and a visitor whose stay is much enjoyed by Fayette county farmers, whose supply of corn fodder was injured considerably by the long fall spell of dry weather.

Monticello Petition Here

A huge petition from the Jefferson Monticello Memorial Association of America with a request for signatures of citizens desiring Congress to preserve the home of the ex-President was received by Postmaster A. E. Kurba.

Charge, Law Violation.
A striking trainman charges A. C. Dinkey, president of the Carnegie Steel Company, with violating the eight hour law in the armory plate department of the Homestead Steel Works.

BUSINESS MEN FIRST TO BAT: OPEN Y. M. C. A. TOMORROW

Classes Will be Started at the Rejuvenated Association as Rapidly as Possible.

Business men to bat at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock. All things have become new in the renovated physical department. Every dark corner has been opened to the light and air, walls and lockers painted a pure white, new windows added where needed, everything thoroughly cleaned and disinfected, separate locker rooms provided for business men, young men and boys, all locker combinations changed, five additional showers installed, the swimming pool refilled and heated to just the right temperature.

Physicist director will have a special program, mostly pure fun for the business men tomorrow. The other gymnasium classes will be organized as fast as the necessary number of members are procured. It is a universal rule in Y. M. C. A. work that only those who have paid a year's membership in advance are eligible to the use of the gymnasium. This rule will be in force in the local gymnasium and since virtually all the memberships have expired during the period of inactivity it will be some time before other classes can be started.

The repairs and alterations are now completed, and all who are interested are invited to come in and look things over. "Open House" will begin next Monday and continue all week. The annual membership campaign will follow immediately. It is the purpose of the management to procure a membership of 400 and then get down to real work.

RULING WILL EXPEDITE THE HANDLING OF HOLIDAY MAIL

During the Four Weeks, Incoming Letters Will Not be Backstamped. Post Card Hints.

Pursuant to instructions from the Postoffice Department, between December 20 and January 3 all mail, excepting registered and special delivery letters, coming from other offices will not be backstamped here. Postmaster A. E. Kurba made the announcement this morning, saying the backstamp will be eliminated to expedite the delivery of mail during the holiday season.

Postmaster Kurba then gave out his annual warning in regard to post cards. All mica and tinselled cards must be in envelopes with postage attached, and where messages are written on the cards first class postage must be paid. In cases of insufficient postage addresses will be notified, but delays caused. Mica and tinselled cards not in envelopes will be sent to the Dead Letter Office.

Prior to Decoration Day 200 post cards were held here for lack of postage and adherence to mailing regulations. About 100 went to the Dead Letter Office.

WILL GRAFT SKIN ON GIRL'S ARMS; TERRIBLY BURNED

Gasoline Ignited While She was Cleaning a Pair of Long Gloves.

HER INJURIES ARE SERIOUS
Physicians at Mt. Pleasant Hospital Decide That New Outlets Must be Grown if Girl is to be Saved From Life of a Cripple.

Special to The Courier.
SCOTTSBURGH, Dec. 5.—Skin grafting will have to be resorted to in the case of Miss Ora Bittner, who was badly burned several days ago, when a pair of long gloves she had just cleaned with gasoline and other flammable liquids were burned from the girl's hands.

The burns have proved to be much more serious than was believed for some days after the accident, which might have caused the loss of Miss Bittner's life, and may result in permanently crippling her hand.

Miss Bittner lives with her sister, Mrs. L. H. Yothers, and while Mr. and Mrs. Yothers were away for the day, Miss Bittner cleaned a pair of gloves. She had not removed them and the gloves caught fire as soon as she entered the house, where a gas stove was burning.

Miss Bittner's attempts to extinguish the flames with water were ineffectual. She ran out of the house and Clyde Trout smothered the flames with his overcoat. The girl's hands were literally cooked.

POWDER EXPLODES IN MINE; 2 INJURED; WILL RECOVER

One Victim Brought to Hospital From Rockwood—Man Dislocated Shoulder Opening Gate.

As the result of an explosion of powder at the Wilson Creek mines near Rockwood, Frank Chorskoski was admitted to the Cottage State hospital this morning suffering from burns of the face and hands. His condition is not serious. Another man who was working near Chorskoski was slightly burned.

Walter Morgan of Edna street, was admitted to the hospital only this morning with a dislocated shoulder. Morgan told the hospital authorities that he met with the accident while attempting to open the gate of his home.

Grecks Bombard Valona

VIENNA, Dec. 5.—Two Greek gunboats are today reported to have opened a vigorous bombardment of Valona, a city of Albania.

THE WEATHER.

Rain tonight and probably Friday, colder Friday is the noon weather forecast.

Temperature Record.	1912	1911
Maximum	58	34
Minimum	45	25
Mean	52	

The Young River was at 2.28 last evening, but dropped to 2.10 this morning.

ROBBERS ACTIVE; TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DARK STREETS

Residents of Fairview Avenue Section Want More Light.

REFRIGERATORS ARE RIFLED

S. B. Dull's Grocery Store a Mark for Marauders; and Box of Soap is Taken as He Carries Chickens from Keachin. Visit Homes of Neighborhood.

Petty thieves have worked successfully at five homes on Fairview and Cottage avenues within the past few nights, escaping detection because of the poor arrangement of the street lights. So frequent have been the visits of thieves that residents on those avenues are considering an appeal to Council.

"The people in this vicinity think a light is necessary," said S. B. Dull, a grocer, who has his store on Fairview avenue about midway between Carnegie and Cottage avenues, today.

"The absence of a light here gives the thieves all chances to work and get away without being identified. They have made raids on refrigerators all summer and fall, and darkness prevents detecting any one of the gang."

A box of soap containing ten cakes stolen was returned to Mr. Dull yesterday after a bold theft in front of his store on the preceding night.

While at work the fluttering of two chickens in a box outside the door attracted his attention. He appeared in time to see a man draw an arm from the coop and dash up Fairview avenue.

Mr. Dull carried the chickens inside the store. As he ended he saw another man a short distance below the building. No attention was paid him, but within a minute that man walked to the store-front. A box of soap was grabbed up, and the man disappeared. Mr. Dull sought trace of the thief, but all the information gained was from a boy who said he saw a man running down Fairview avenue.

The soap was found in the morning in a buggy shed to the rear of Harry Hoover's home, Main street, and was returned by Mr. Hoover. He and Mr. Dull found a man's shoe track leading to and from the shed, but nothing to identify the thief was discovered.

Homes where milk and edibles have been stolen are those of John H. White, Mrs. E. C. Stauffer, A. B. Kutz and C. W. Simpson. The thieves have been at the Stauffer home half a dozen times within the past six months.

Are lights on Fairview avenue are at the intersection with Cottage and Carnegie avenues. A long stretch between these two is without light.

COKE COMPANY IS SUED FOR \$130,000 ON BIG CONTRACT

Cambria Steel Company A-ks Damages From Sunshine Operators, Charging Defect.

Special to The Courier.
UNIONTOWN, Dec. 5.—Suit for \$137,705.13 has been filed against the Sunshine Coal & Coke Company by the Cambria Steel Company, default of two contracts being alleged.

The Cambria Company claims it was compelled to buy coke elsewhere at a higher price, and seeks to be reimbursed for its loss. It is stated that a contract was made for the delivery of 20,000 tons a month to begin July 1, 1912 and running for two years, the price to be based on a ratio of 3 to 1 in the basis of basic metal at Valley Furnaces.

The company claims a default on this contract since July. Another contract for 10,000 tons monthly, beginning January 1, 1912 and running for two years, the price to be based on a ratio of 3 to 1 in the basis of basic metal at Valley Furnaces.

The claim is made that there was a default of 2,022 1/2 tons in July, 3,817 1/2 tons in August and 20,000 tons a month in September, October and November. The plaintiff company says that it was compelled to supply the deficiency at a cost of \$1.12 a ton above contract price, the loss being \$79,152.41.

Another contract which was made for 10,000 tons a month, or \$120,000 tons a year, for two years beginning January 1, 1911, with option for another year, providing a 90 days notice before the expiration of the two year term, was not kept according to the plaintiff's claim. The price on that contract was to be \$1.85 a ton f. o. b. ovens. There was an alleged default of 57,355 tons. The Cambria company says it purchased coke at a loss of \$1.92 a ton, or a total loss of \$58,555.72.

The outcome of the case will be watched with much interest by operators of the Connelville region, many of whom have been selling coke under contract at ruinous prices while today coke is at the high-water mark in the open market.

NEGRO IS KILLED

Gets 72 Hours for Raising a Rumpus on Main Street.

John Weaver, 38 years old and colored, who raised a lot of excitement by running up and down the streets yesterday morning shouting that no cop could arrest him, and declaring that he was able to lick any colored man that might come along, cooled down considerably after spending several hours in a cell.

At a hearing last night before Burgess J. L. Evans he hadn't much to say, and was fined \$5 or seventy-two hours. His number on the docket was twenty-three. He probably won't "skidoo" from solitary confinement before the seventy-two hours are up.

Begin School Audit

The work of auditing the Connelville School Board's accounts from July 1, 1911 to July 1, 1912, was begun last night by Attorney F. D. Munson and J. M. Gray.

The News of Nearby Towns.

DUNBAR.

DUNBAR, Dec. 5.—J. Burkhans was transacting business in Conneltsville today.

Colonial Theater, Dunbar, Western Feature Film, Saturday, December 7. Admission 50 and 100.—Adv.

Miss Beatrice Kinyon spent Wednesday in Conneltsville calling on friends.

Miss Margaret Hawker of Uniontown, was here the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hawker of near Fayette.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Protestant Church will hold a chicken and waffle supper December 12 in the basement of the church.

Miss Jean Bufano was calling on friends in Conneltsville Wednesday.

U. H. Swearingen was a business caller in Uniontown Wednesday.

Mrs. James DeGree spent Wednesday in Conneltsville the guest of her mother, Mrs. Cuno.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hatcher was shopping in Conneltsville today.

W. O. Wilson and Dr. E. R. Gule motored to Conneltsville Wednesday.

Mrs. Nicholas Soldano was shopping in Conneltsville yesterday.

John Murphy was a business caller in Conneltsville Wednesday night.

John Bartlett of Fayette, has accepted a position at the plant of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company at Woodland.

Mrs. Holmes Patterson of Pittsburg, is here the guest of her mother, Mrs. Marie McDowell of Union Hill.

George Carlo was a business caller in Conneltsville today.

Dr. W. W. Wayne was in Mt. Braddock today on professional business.

Mrs. Samuel Rowan and daughter, Iva, were shopping in Conneltsville Wednesday.

The Thinkers Club met this afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. E. Wilson on Speers' Hill. After the social hour refreshments were served by Mrs. C. E. Wilson.

The guests of the club were Mrs. John W. Hart and Mrs. N. M. Rier of Smithfield.

Charles Clements was a business caller in Conneltsville today.

Miss Martha Woodward spent Wednesday as the guest of Florence McQuiggin of Union Hill.

D. C. Fritz and daughter Virginia, spent Wednesday evening in Conneltsville.

Among those who attended "The Trail of the Loanease Pine" at the Solon theater Wednesday evening were Misses Margaret Higgins and Annie Jacobs and William Jacob and Joseph Buntline and Dr. E. R. Gule.

Patrons of those who advertise.

MEYERSDALE.

MEYERSDALE, Dec. 5.—Next Monday evening the "borough dade" will have open house at the new municipal building, when they will entertain the citizens of Meyersdale and show them through their elegant new quarters. All the different departments of the borough are housed under one roof. The building contains the council chamber and bureau of fire, the lecture hall, the fire department and the town band. All the rooms are lighted by electricity and heated with city heat from the town. The Citizens' Band will give a concert at the opening, between the hours of 8 and 10:30 o'clock.

Rev. Father J. J. Brady returned last evening from Tonawanda, Md., where he spent several days visiting his mother and other relatives.

The basketball game scheduled to be played at the Auditorium on Friday evening between the local Broadways A. C. and the Junda Independent, was called off on account of several of the latter team having been too badly hurt up in a game last Saturday to be able to play on Friday.

The manager, however, has been able to secure for Saturday evening the crack Carnegie Tech five of Pittsburgh, so the disappointment is diminished.

The line on account of the inability of the Junda team to play here will be somewhat abbreviated, and a full turnout is expected on Saturday evening.

Col. J. M. Turner of Cumberland, Pa., for several years stationed here as military agent for the Conneltsville & State Line Railway Company, and at present serving in an official capacity with the Western Maryland railroad, was in town yesterday and today enroute to and from Harrisburg.

Charles W. Deper of Greensburg, formerly a citizen of Meyersdale, spent yesterday and today visiting relatives and friends here and at Salisbury.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lockard, of Columbia, Pa., are spending several days with friends in Meyersdale and vicinity.

Mr. J. M. Potholach of Glenaca, was an out-of-town visitor yesterday.

Mrs. Carter of Harrisburg and her friend, Mrs. M. E. Nice, of Denver, who spent the past week at Mr. Jean's lumber camp at Jennings, Md., passed through here last evening on route to Mrs. Jean's home at Towanda, Pa.

U. Grant Johnston, after spending several days with G. E. Hammond and other old-time friends, returned to his home in McKeesport Tuesday morning. About 30 years ago Mr. Johnston resided here.

Millinery at Reduced Prices. A liberal reduction on all trimmed hats. One lot of early hats at half price. McFarland's, Apple street.—Adv.

CRUEL FATE

How often it happens that nervous people are KIDNAPPED BY FRIENDS who being well themselves, cannot understand much feeling in others. Yet there is no more terrible suffering than that resulting from NERVOUSNESS, and it is THE MOST PREVALENT OF ALL COMPLAINTS. Get

Dr. Greene's Nervura today for your trouble and note the immediate results.

DR. GREENE may be consulted free by mail or in person. 9 West 14th St., New York.—Advertisement.

Oh! How I Itched

What long nerve-racking days of constant torture—what sleepless nights of terrible agony—itch—itch—itch, constant itch, until it seemed that I must tear off my very skin—then—

Instant relief—my skin cooled, soothed and healed!

The very first drops of D. D. D. Prescription for Eczema stopped that awful itch instantly; yes, the very moment D. D. D. touched the burning skin the torture ceased. A 60c bottle proves it.

D. D. D. has been known for years as the only absolutely reliable seasonal remedy, for it washes away the disease germs and leaves the skin as clear and healthy as that of a child.

All other druggists have D. D. D. Prescription—go to them if you can't come to us—but don't accept some big profit substitute.

But if you come to our store, we are so certain of what D. D. D. will do for you that we offer you a full size bottle on this guarantee—if you do not find that it takes away the itch AT ONCE, it costs you not a cent.

J. C. Moore, Druggist, Conneltsville, West Penn Pharmacy, Conneltsville, Graham's Drug Store, Conneltsville, and J. C. Stauffer, Druggist, Scottsdale.—Advertisement.

MT. PLEASANT.

MT. PLEASANT, Dec. 5.—William G. Parfitt and Katherine Rohdeger were married at 5 o'clock last evening by Rev. J. L. Updegraff, at the Church of God parsonage. The ring ceremony was used. Miss Myrtle Fritz and Jesse Parfitt, a brother of the groom, were the attendants.

Mrs. Charles Cunningham entertained the Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian church at her Church street home yesterday afternoon. They decided on having a sewing early in January as well as a fruit show for the Columbia hospital at Williamsburg. "India" was the subject for the afternoon and papers were read by Miss Martha Warden, Mrs. John Barnhart and Mrs. Wilbur Harner. Refreshments were served and a pleasant social hour spent.

Clarence Zimmerman is visiting his brother, Rufus Zimmerman at Boston, Mass.

The local Knights of Malta entertained Past Grand Commander Sem-bower of Uniontown, and Grand Recorder John Hoffman of Philadelphia at their meeting on Tuesday evening. Addresses were made by these gentlemen. Fifteen members from the Tarr and Ruffalo lodges were present. Following the lodge session a turkey supper was served at Boswell's.

Miss Carrie Ness entertained the class of U. M. L. of the United Brethren Sunday school at her Main street home last evening. The members of the class are preparing for a banquet in the Braddock building, next week.

Mrs. S. M. Kennedy entertained her fellow members of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Reunion Presbyterian church at her Walnut street home yesterday afternoon. "Syria and Persia" was the new month's subject begun. Mrs. Seville McAttee had charge of the scripture lesson, Prayer and Faith. A letter was read from Mrs. Emma O. Spence asking for \$42 for the China fund from this society alone. Mrs. Stewart made some remarks on "China's New Day."

Mrs. Anna Andrew read a banner article. Mrs. William Overholt had a paper on "Schools and Colleges of Syria." Mrs. John Lowmyer had a paper on "Home Life in Syria." Mrs. Walter Smith's paper was on "The East Off Wife of Syria."

Miss Lena Marsh told of a Syrian Christian College. Mrs. William Griffin had a paper on "The Muslim Lands and Ideals." Mrs. K. J. Stewart gave a talk on "The Political, Intellectual and Religious Situation in Persia." Mrs. Anna Andrew read a diary for missionary women's 12 days' work. Mrs. March B. and March J. Saylor, children of the late Ida J. Saylor, Mary Barron is appointed executor. The will was dated October 20th, 1901, and witnessed by Hayme Kifer and Francis J. Kooner.

The will of the late Josiah Barron of Middlebrook has been probated. He left a life interest of one-third of his estate to his widow, Mary Barron, at whose death the same is to be divided among his heirs, in the absence of the other two-thirds as follows:

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ROCKWOOD

ROCKWOOD, Pa., Dec. 4.—The Ladies Aid Society of the Rockwood church held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Jesse Wood on Broadway street, where they were entertained by Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Day. A large number of the members were present.

Mrs. John Vaughn, of Black township, who was badly injured in a runaway about two weeks ago is reported as improving rapidly, but will be some time before he can leave his bed.

Mrs. Vaughn, who was badly bruised and shaken up in the accident has fully recovered.

Fred Graft, of Berlin, and John Leichter, of Elk Lake, were business visitors in Rockwood Wednesday while attending the regular monthly meeting of the Farmers' & Merchants National Bank. The expect the new banking quarters to be completed for occupancy by the first of the year.

Paul Zulek, who was badly mangled on Monday night after being dragged two miles by a team of heavy horses, died Wednesday morning at the hospital. The body will be shipped to Rockwood, where interment will be made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery, Thursday morning.

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CONFLUENCE.

CONFLUENCE, Dec. 5.—E. B. Brown, Baltimore & Ohio warehouseman who has been very sick for the past month, is able to sit up in bed for a few moments.

Mrs. Clarence Linsinger and baby, of Chicago, visited her aunt Mrs. C. R. McDonald Tuesday.

At the regular review of Confluence Tent No. 228, K. O. T. M., Tuesday evening, officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Sophy Gariotis has gone to Morgantown, W. Va., where he will make his future home. His family moved to that place about a month ago.

On account of President E. B. Brown's sickness the school board held their meeting at his home Monday night. He was re-elected President and E. B. Black was re-elected Vice President.

Mr. and Mrs. John Trentle of Charleston, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. G. R. McDonald of the West Side.

Word received by friends from Mrs. T. R. Brown in Conneltsville, state she is not improving.

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THURSDAY EVE'G., DEC. 5, 1912.

PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICANISM.

The Bull Moose faction has hitherto arrogated to itself all the Progressive qualities of the Republican Party just as it appropriated the name to itself. It is not true that the other half of the party are not progressive in the sense that they are not willing to meet new conditions with new policies. The only material difference between the two wings of the Republican party, outside the difference of leadership, is that the conservatives prefer to hold fast to that which has been proven good until shown that its proposed substitute will be better, while the radicals want reform with a rush. What is needed just now is a Get Together Club.

The Progressives, however, are not the only Republican Initiators of progress in public affairs; for example, it will be remembered that Governor Tener, who is charged by the Progressives with being a creature of business, earnestly urged upon the Legislature the passage of a law creating a Public Utilities Commission to take the place of the present State Railroad Commission. This Public Utilities Commission was to have ample power to regulate not only railroads but all other public utility corporations. The proposed law failed of passage, but the Governor will urge it again at the coming session of the Legislature, and it will doubtless receive more consideration.

And Governor Tener is not the only conservative Republican; in fact, it is a matter of history that Republican legislation in Pennsylvania has always been progressive. The Republican party of this State, based on common sense, has never been deserving of the epithet of Standpatter. It has never stood still. It has always been in the forefront of progress and particularly the people's advancement. It is in bad taste, in the face of its record, for a few creatures of circumstance to claim the credit for all its achievements and accept with ill-concealed vanity the treacherous plaudits of trailing Democrats.

The Republicans in the coming Legislature should be fair with each other, and they should remember that they are Republicans, and that the Republicans control the Legislature.

OUR TRAIN SERVICE.

The efforts of the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce to improve the train service of Conneltsville will have the hearty approval and support of the citizens.

The Baltimore & Ohio is the only railroad that has ever given Conneltsville good train service and even it seems to have retrograded to some extent. Its eastbound service out of Conneltsville at night is very inconvenient. The Duquesne Limited reaches Washington at 3 o'clock in the morning and the last train does not leave Conneltsville until past midnight. A Washington sleeper would supply this deficiency, and judging from the present crowded condition of the train such extra coach would be profitable.

The Pennsylvania railroad train service into and out of Conneltsville has been practically the same since the coal strike extended from Greensburg in the early '90's. The fast and comfortable service of the company has been its freight business, and this in spite of the fact that the passenger business on the Southwest branch has been very profitable. An overnight train to Greensburg, competing with night trains for the east would in all probability be profitable.

The Western Maryland and Lake Erie railroad combination has not yet developed its passenger business and we can only wait and speculate.

In the meantime the Baltimore & Ohio has it in its power to retain the lion's share of the Conneltsville passenger business to all points.

BULLSKIN'S GOOD ROAD PLAN.

Citizens and taxpayers of Bullskin township will ask the Grand Jury this week to approve their application to the County Commissioners for the construction of one mile of permanent county road between Murphy's Shilling and Dordie's Mill on condition that the township build another mile of the same road next year.

The ultimate object is a permanent brick road up the valley to the Somerset Pike at Leesport, a distance of five miles, making a cut-off from the present route via Mount Pleasant of about five miles, and a road of much better grades. The road up the valley is gradual and practically uniform.

There was a time when railroad men couldn't afford to be laid off. Now the railroads cannot afford to lay the men off. The railroads have, therefore, adopted the much more reasonable and sensible plan of rating their employees on the merit system. A good rating means advancement; a bad rating means dismissal. It's up to the employee to make or break himself, but in the operation of doing so his family will not suffer for every mistake he makes.

The robbery of a stocking bank, containing the feminine finis as well as the feminine cash, is from every proper point of view, absolutely shocking.

The wrecks of railroads and the crash of colliding heading bugles have become monotonous, stale and uninteresting. It has remained for Conneltsville to startle the world with a real, old-fashioned livery horse runaway.

If the Greeks are dropped from the Balkan Alliance perhaps the Triple Entente will catch them on the rebound. Christmas cheer in plenty is going forward to the Fatherland from the prosperous foreign workmen of the Conneltsville coke region. Perhaps the cheer will encourage some of the foreign relatives to come across and try American prosperity for themselves.

There are still a few parents who do not seem to have a knowledge of the Compulsory Education act.

The dissemination of intelligence is a typical American idea, and education is not confined to children, but has been extended to adults. Special efforts are being made to educate the foreign miners so that they can become proficient workmen and intelligent citizens, and in this good work the coal operators stand prominent. The operators are serving themselves, it is true; but it is also true that they are not serving themselves alone.

Penny postage for drop letters will help some.

Last day for filing of election accounts. Candidates will please produce their confessions.

The announcement that the man assaulted on the streets of Conneltsville and beaten until his body was a quivering mass and his mind a blank has settled with his assailants for \$20 will be interesting to the county authorities.

The Bank of Jacobs Creek will issue no currency, but its notes will doubtless be gilt-edged.

In its more rural and perhaps happier days, Somerset county was noted for its many marriages. Young men came from miles around to wed the pretty daughters of Somerset. The marriages were almost unknown. Now the court records are burdened with them. Some of the penalties of progress are sad to contemplate.

The West Penn trolley system will be extended to Point Marion in the spring when the Fayette county network will be nearly complete. But the expansion will not stop there. It is hooked to go further.

With the fire department located in the City Hall it will be centrally situated and that ought to be satisfactory to the great majority of the citizens of Conneltsville.

The firemen should be uniformed the same as the police and on similar terms.

This is a peaceful town, but when a man hunts trouble he usually finds it.

The Tenth stands at the head of the Pennsylvania militia. For regional soldiers, the Western Pennsylvania lads are natural soldiers.

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WANTED—GIRL FOR HOUSE-work in family of three. Must be able to cook. Mrs. C. B. LINNIGER, 280 S. Prospect street. 4dcedtd

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FOR RENT—YOUR ROOM HOUSE with gas and water. Apply 803 MAIN STREET, West Side. 2dcedtd

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FOR SALE—FARM, 3 MILES EAST of Hamilton, 6 miles west of Scottsdale on the State road leading from Scottsdale to Smithton, containing 750 acres. Price \$25,000.00 to quick buyer. For particulars, inquire of J. M. SHUFF, 401 Homewood avenue, Scottsdale, Pa. 4dcedtd

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STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, County of Fayette, ss:
Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for said County and State, personally appeared James J. Driscoll, who being duly sworn according to law, did depose and say:
That he is Manager of Circulation of The Courier, a daily newspaper published in Conneltsville, Pa., and that the number of papers printed during the week ending Saturday, November 23, 1912, was as follows:

November 25	7,141
November 26	6,940
November 27	6,940
November 28	No issue
November 29	6,940
November 30	7,012
Total	34,806
Daily Average	6,961

That the daily circulation by month for the year 1912 to date was as follows:

January	184,250	6,222
February	179,200	7,000
March	183,500	7,000
April	183,051	7,075
May	187,400	6,940
June	170,200	6,911
July	183,012	7,071
August	183,133	6,769
September	187,000	6,769
October	181,000	6,733
November	172,200	6,940

That the daily circulation by month for the year 1911 was as follows:

January	185,347	7,129
February	184,801	6,773
March	186,501	6,773
April	175,800	7,033
May	184,200	6,824
June	170,272	6,779
July	175,200	7,000
August	182,732	6,863
September	185,400	7,133
October	170,035	6,820
November	184,730	7,127
December	171,320	6,823
Total	2,152,714	6,944

And further depose that:
JAS. J. DRISCOLL,
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of December, 1912.
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STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, County of Fayette, ss:
Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for said County and State, personally appeared James J. Driscoll, who being duly sworn according to law, did depose and say:
That he is Manager of Circulation of The Courier, a daily newspaper published in Conneltsville, Pa., and that the number of papers printed during the week ending Saturday, November 23, 1912, was as follows:

November 25	7,141
November 26	6,940
November 27	6,940
November 28	No issue
November 29	6,940
November 30	7,012
Total	34,806
Daily Average	6,961

That the daily circulation by month for the year 1912 to date was as follows:

January	184,250	6,222
February	179,200	7,000
March	183,500	7,000
April	183,051	7,075
May	187,400	6,940
June	170,200	6,911
July	183,012	7,071
August	183,133	6,769
September	187,000	6,769
October	181,000	6,733
November	172,200	6,940

That the daily circulation by month for the year 1911 was as follows:

January	185,347	7,129
February	184,801	6,773
March	186,501	6,773
April	175,800	7,033
May	184,200	6,824
June	170,272	6,779
July	175,200	7,000
August	182,732	6,863
September	185,400	7,133
October	170,035	6,820
November	184,730	7,127
December	171,320	6,823
Total	2,152,714	6,944

And further depose that:
JAS. J. DRISCOLL,
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of December, 1912.
J. B. KURTZ,
Notary Public.

The United Publishers Association of New York City has investigated, and certified the circulation of this publication. These facts have been established, and guaranteed to advertisers.

Arthur Koppell
PRESIDENT

Are You in Arrears on your subscription? You know WE NEED THE MONEY

The Style, the Quality and the Workmanship of our Children's Coats

Demand Your Most Careful Consideration

Whether you buy your child one of these for present use or expect to lay it away as a sane and economical gift for Christmas, we think the merits of our Christmas Coats are worth considering. Just as much time is taken in their making, the styles are just as correct and exclusive as our ladies and the fabrics used are in most cases identical, yet, the prices we quote are much less. We are not speaking of the sort of children's garments, such as are being shown at most stores, but the usual high grade that you will always find at Dunn's.

Corduroys, Chinchillas, Diagonals, Cheviots, plaids, etc., in all the staple colors with astrakhan, velvets and fancy collars and cuffs and trimmed with buttons, straps, etc. A good assortment at all prices.

Suggestions for Christmas

Simply to aid you in your selection of gifts we mention a few items that are practical remembrances yet not at all expensive. . . Tourists' Cases, Brush Sets, Military Brushes, Toilet Sets, Japanese Handkerchief and Glove Boxes, Darning Sets, Fancy Pin Cushions, Coat Hangers, Children's work Boxes, Manicure Sets, Fancy Work Sets, Leather and Art Novelties of all kinds. Recipe and Clipping Files, Leather Hand Bags, Umbrellas, Mesh Bags, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Neckwear, Fine Hosiery, Curtains, Rugs, Stamped Linens, Silk Scarfs., Beaded Bags, Beads, Hair Ornaments, Bar Pins, Combs, Hair Ribbons., Roseries, La Vallieres Sterling Thimbles, etc.

Corset Accessories.

In our corset department you will find Padded Brassieres, Boned Forms, Corset Pads, Padded and Ruffled Bust Forms, Hip Pads, Sanitary Belts, Sanitary Aprons, Ferris Waists, De Bevoise Brassieres, Corset Stays, etc. Ask the lady at the Corset Counter.

E. DUNN
N. PITTSBURG ST. CONNELLSVILLE.

OVERCOAT BARGAINS

—AT—

Union Supply Company Stores

If you have not bought an overcoat yet, it will pay you to visit a Union Supply Company clothing department. There you will find great bargains. We have overcoats for men, boys and children, in all the latest overcoat fabrics; made up in the most perfect styles. The trimmings are the best; styles the newest and most popular, and best of all, our prices are reasonable. Many of the nobly overcoats you see throughout the coke region are Union Supply Company products, and many of the best dressed men and boys you see on the streets of the towns throughout the coke region are wearing complete Union Supply Company outfits. Try us this winter!

Footwear Bargains

At Union Supply Company Stores

We cannot specify all the great bargains, or all the durable styles, but we can specify positively that we have the best shoes for men, women, boys and girls that the markets produce. For the women and misses we have the most dainty styles, and we have for the women and girls that want them, the common sense styles; low heels, broad toes, solid comfort is what they are. We have for men and boys the best grades of dress shoes and best grade of working shoes that are manufactured. We have boots; rubber and leather, and all sorts of overshoes, and EVERY PAIR YOU BUY FROM US ARE GUARANTEED. If not satisfactory, we will replace them with a new pair or refund your money.

Holiday Bargains in Toys and Dolls

Our great holiday stocks of toys, dolls, books, and other Christmas novelties are now being opened up and placed on sale for the early Christmas shopper. You will find hundreds of different varieties of novelties in toys; as many different kinds of dolls, and large assortment of books at such low prices as we are now offering them. We feel sure, we will get a big share of your toy business. Never before have we had such a quantity of inexpensive toys, games, dolls, etc., that will gladden the hearts of the little tots. There are imported dolls; automobiles that will really run; a great variety of mechanical toys; English doll carriages, etc. We cannot attempt to enumerate them here, but we invite all the boys and girls to come to our stores and see this great Christmas display.

UNION SUPPLY CO.

63 LARGE DEPARTMENT STORES,
Located in Fayette, Westmoreland & Allegheny Cos.

HIGH SCHOOL'S LECTURE COURSE GOOD THIS YEAR

Attractions include Some of Best Numbers on the Lyceum Circuits This Season—Evelyn Bargelt Company Appears Tonight at the Colonial.

A host of good things in entertainment that will not only entertain, but instruct and inspire, has been arranged for our community this season. The Lyceum course is becoming more and more a permanent institution in every town and city.

Some communities which have had a Lyceum course for years boast of a larger per cent of their young people in colleges than towns of similar size in the same localities which have not maintained a course. Many of our national problems, now considered paramount, were first presented in a forcible manner to the American people from the Lyceum and Chautauque platforms. Much also has been done to elevate music and the entertainment from these platforms and to abolish or decrease the attendance upon mediocre and questionable shows.

The course of entertainments which are to appear here this season is booked through the Redpath-Brooks & Lyceum Bureau, the oldest and largest Lyceum in the world. The course will consist of the following attractions:

EVELYN BARGELT COMPANY.
With her crayons of different colors Miss Evelyn Bargelt produces before her audiences many landscapes which appear as beautiful as paintings, while her humorous drawings are as funny as the comic sections in the Sunday papers. While her pictures are taking shape under her deft fingers she entertains her hearers with dashes of wit and humor. She has appeared on hundreds of Lyceum courses and is one of the best known entertainers of the day.

The violinist with this company is Miss Ethel Freeman, who was for some time with the Ladies' Spanish Orchestra as solo violinist and received most flattering commendations of her work.



EVELYN BARGELT.

work wherever that organization appeared. Subsequently she appeared with the Lyceum company, in which her playing captivated many audiences. Horace Victor Benjamin is baritone with this company and possesses one of the finest voices before the public. He has done a large amount of vocal work throughout the country and always wins his audience not only by the unusually beautiful quality of his voice, but by his superb style of rendition.

Miss Ethel Hellenberg, the pianist, has played on the same program with Eurion Trammont, the famous humorist. The New York Herald Courier, referring to Miss Hellenberg's work, says, "She put into the work a breadth of style and brilliancy of technique which made her performance one of keen artistic pleasure."

STRICKLAND W. GILLILAN.
Few literary men in American national life have received more honors than has Strickland W. Gillilan, the humorist. Not only have these honors come to him as a great literary man, but as a public speaker. Twice within the year 1912 he was a speaker on the same banquet program with President Taft. The Ohio university during the same year conferred on him an honorary degree.

Not only is Mr. Gillilan a magazine, newspaper and platform humorist, but he is a poet and philosopher. "The Ladies' Home Journal" a year ago contained five original poems of Gillilan's with an introductory paragraph by the editor, who commented upon the ver-



STRICKLAND W. GILLILAN.

satility of a writer who, being author of five tender and serious poems there given, had also written the famous "Oft Again, On Awa, Done Again—Flaughlin." His literary work has also appeared in the Woman's Home Companion, Success, Life, Saturday Evening Post and many other publications.

Mr. Gillilan is one of the positive and distinct personalities presented to the world through the Lyceum and the public prints. He is not a copyist, either in manner or matter, his originality being his distinctive characteristic besides his wit.

One of Mr. Gillilan's humorous lectures is entitled "Sueyline and Awkwardness." Another is "A Sample Case of Humor."

THE DUNBAR COMPANY.
The Dunbar Company have been upon the Lyceum platform for twelve years and have toured not only many times across America, but in Europe. In all they have traveled more than 300,000 miles, equal to twelve times around the world. They have given more than 2,000 concerts. There is scarcely a large course in the United States that has not had this company at one time or another. Seventy-five per cent of their dates are return dates.

The Dunbar Company's vocal quartet work represents but one portion of the evening's program. As an instrumental trio their work is greatly appreciated. In this work they use the piano, flute and cello, and the music which they render is entirely new. In fact, for the most part it is in manuscript form, prepared especially for them.

Carrying 200 bells, the Dunbars give a demonstration of bell ringing the like of which has never before been heard here. They carry a duplicate set of bells for their practice work. They have perfected several improvements in bell construction.

THE ANITA SINGING ORCHESTRA.
One of the most popular musical numbers which have ever appeared on this course will be heard here this season, the Anita Singing Orchestra. This orchestra comprises six talented and refined young ladies, who are equally entertaining as singers, players of instrumental music and pantomimists. They present a great variety of music, including songs with action and special costumes. There is a graceful blend of classic with the popular and the sublime with the ridiculous. They use no printed or fixed program, but sustain a large and varied repertoire, from which it is always convenient to render either a classic, sacred or miscellaneous program, as the occasion may demand.

Mrs. Ralph Dunbar, formerly with the noted Dunbar Quartet and Bell Ringers, is with this company and not only participates in the music, but gives impressions which are a delight to every audience. One of her interpretations is Dickens' "A Child's Dream of a Star." "The Little Dutch Girl" is another selection with which she always makes a hit. During the seasons of 1911 and 1912 there was no company on the entire list of Redpath talent which received more hearty commendation from Lyceum committees everywhere, and they appeared on some of the largest courses.

SIRIUS, THE DOG STAR.

It Gives Out Thirty Times More Light and Heat Than Our Sun.

The dog days are the hottest part of the year, a period which the ancients associated with the brilliant rising of Sirius, the dog star—that is, when Sirius and our own sun crossed the meridian at the same time in midsummer. The great heat was supposed to extend from twenty days before the rising of Sirius until twenty days after, hence the total dog days were forty. The Romans dated the period from July 3 to August 11.

The dog days can no longer be identified with the rising of Sirius owing to the effects of precession, the star rising later every year. In time Sirius will cross the meridian in midwinter. At present the dog days are popularly supposed to extend from July 15 to Aug. 15, but are not associated with the star. This is the hottest and most unpleasant period in our latitude.

Sirius, the dog star, may be easily recognized, as he is five times brighter than any other star in our firmament. He gives out thirty times more light and heat than our own sun, but is 555,000 times farther away. He now rises about 10° degrees south of due east and in our latitude is with us from October to May, in midwinter he is in full view for ten hours every clear night.—Christian Herald.

Knowledge and Culture.

A great memory does not make a philosopher any more than a dictionary can be called a grammar. There are men who embrace in their minds a vast multitude of ideas, but with little sensibility about their real relations toward each other. These may be antiquarians, annalists, naturalists; they may be learned in the law; they may be versed in statistics; they are most useful in their own place. I should shrink from speaking disrespectfully of them. Still, there is nothing in such attainments to guarantee the absence of narrowness of mind. If they are nothing more than well read men or men of information they have not what specially deserves the name of culture of mind or fulfills the type of liberal education.—Newman.

Woman's World

Miss La Bouissie, Pilot of Social Bureau.



MISS LA BOUISSIE.

Everything from the etiquette of leaving cards down to advice on how to entertain in the prospectus of a social bureau recently opened at the national capital.

The leader of the new enterprise is a Washington matron of much social experience, and the working head or pilot of the bureau is Miss La Bouissie. The bureau will make a specialty of "furnishing chaperones, taking charge of entertainments, deciding vexed questions of precedence at semi-official functions and giving advice on wardrobe."

Not the least of its tasks is to be that of taking charge of residences during absences of owners from the Capital City.

This bureau fills a long felt want for social citizens.

A Pension Roll For Mothers.
Mrs. Mabel Potter Daggett, describing in the World's Work the pensioning of destitute mothers, tells of the valuable experiments that several of the states are already putting to the test.

Two states, Missouri and Illinois, in 1911 put motherhood regularly on the payroll. The court awards what is called a pension to any mother of good character who needs such assistance properly to bring up her children. Illinois it has been the custom when a home failed in the struggle for existence for the court to place such children in an institution. This new revelation of sociology, however, says that a child's mother, if she is the right sort of woman, is God's own institution for his upbringing.

The Cook county juvenile court in the city of Chicago last summer had some 327 mothers, with an aggregate of 1,200 children, cared for on this plan. It is costing the community an average of \$5.75 per month per child as against \$10 per month per child under the old institutional plan. It will cost the state of Illinois this year about \$100,000. The state authorities have said they don't care if it goes to \$500,000. The contract with the mothers will be cheap at that, for it is counted on to diminish the bill for crime that is now costing Cook county alone \$6,000,000 a year.

Notes About Women.

The Portuguese government has appointed a woman ambassador of public health in Oporto. This is the first time that such a position has been held by a woman in Portugal. The government has also appointed a woman as professor ordinary of the Faculty of Philology Germanica at the university of Lisbon and Coimbra in recognition of her "illustrious services to literature."

By a decree of the Spanish government women will in future be admitted to all universities in Spain on the same terms as men and will be entitled to follow any profession for which the university diploma qualifies them.

For the first time in history a woman appeared in an official capacity in the law courts of Australia when the daughter of Justice Isaacs took her seat in the high court of Australia the other day as her father's associate. On her devoted the duty of impartiality the jury and the favorable comment has been made on the quiet and dignified way in which she performed her task. Miss Isaacs is said to be a student of unusual ability, and a brilliant career is prophesied for her.

Italian Women Have Suffrage Club.
The new women suffrage club recently opened in Rome has established a free employment bureau for the benefit of Italian working women. In making this departure the club is carrying out the wishes of the late Donna Giacinta Martini, who was president for many years of the Italian Women Suffrage association. All her life Donna Martini worked for the betterment of the conditions of working women, and she devoted a large part of her fortune to this end.

Arresting Time.

"Even a policeman can't arrest the flight of time," said the funny man. "Oh, I don't know," rejoined the matter of fact person. "Only this morning I saw a policeman enter a clock shop and stop a few minutes."

Willing to Demonstrate.
"Tommy," said his distressed mother, "I don't see how you can get so dirty." "Come on out and I'll show you," was the prompt reply.—Chicago Post.

A VERY CLOSE CALL.

The Old Darky Came Within One of Shooting the Buck.
"Come mighty high killin' a fine buck dis mornin'," said an old negro. "Come in' long through de woods, an' er ole buck he jump up, an' bookerly, bookerly, he run off a little ways an' stop still. Come in one er shootin' him, sah."

"Why didn't you shoot?"
"Didn't hab my gun wid me, sah."

"Then how did you come in one of shootin' him?"

"Kaze, sah, I come in one o' takin' my gun wid me."

"Why didn't you take your gun?"

"Didn't hab none, sah."

"You are an old idiot!"

"Look heah, don' buse er man dat way when ye ain't got no cause. I ain't got no gun kaze a feller dat I wuz gwine ter buy one from axed me jes' a dollar mo'n I could pay. So I come in one o' gittin' de gun. If I had got it I would er tuck it 'long wid me, an' if I'd er had it I could er shot de buck easy, sah. So dean' come 'roun' 'busin' er man when de facks is all erful yet. I hab knowed folks to fetch trouble on dereelves dat way. Er person oughter be keertful in dis kind work of science and spekeration. Good mornin', sah. Sing'er's acted dis way I wouderer in yer nose o' de meat of I had er killed it. Fo' you talked dat way I wouderer made yer present o' some o' de buck. See what you got by it, sah?"—Uncle Remus' Home Magazine.

Hotel Tips In Advance.

The Japanese custom of administering the hotel tips immediately upon arriving is clearly explained by Stafford Ransome. In former days the Japanese innkeeper made a small charge for the food he supplied, cost price or thereabout, and the guest, upon arriving, made a present of money to the house and another to the servants, indicating thereby both his own social rank and the class of accommodation he expected. However, multitudes these presents, it was polite for him to wait "till the end of the trip" on the paper in which he wrapped them up. Fearful confusion resulted when Europeans with our ideas of tipping first came. Presented with a bill for the ridiculously small sum of 2 shillings, they thought a shilling tip handsome, when as much as 6 shillings was probably anticipated.—London Chronicle.

Where His Money Went.

Trump—Yes, lady, I had \$50,000 left to me once. Woman—And I suppose it all went for liquor? Trump—'Pose so, mum. Dem judges an' lawyers is awful drinkers.—New York Globe.

Correct.

No—No man is as black as he is painted. She—And no woman is as white as she is powdered.—Chinaman Enquirer.

Bank Statements.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CONNELLSVILLE, IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, NOVEMBER 20th, 1912.

RESOURCES.
Loans and Discounts \$1,223,016.72
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured 1,550.74
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 75,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds 1,000.00
Bonds, securities, etc. 204,164.43
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures 200,749.50
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents) 14,778.17
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies, and Savings Banks 34,359.37
Due from approved reserve agents 3,049.31
Checks and other cash items 8,350.70
Exchanges for clearing house 2,021.13
Notes of other National Banks 37,395.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents 227.01
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:
Specie \$120,800.02
Legal-tender notes 5,000.00
Total \$2,308,457.35

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in \$100,000.00
Surplus fund 80,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 2,725.25
National Bank Notes outstanding 100,000.00
Due to other National Banks 3,302.54
Due to approved reserve agents 158.75
Dividends unpaid 102.00
Individual deposits \$305,040.56
Demand certificates of deposit 3,558.82
Time certificates of deposit 6,010.00
Certified checks 79.39
Total \$558,488.94

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DAWSON, IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, NOVEMBER 20th, 1912.

RESOURCES.
Loans and Discounts \$307,057.45
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured 112.23
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 50,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds 1,000.00
Bonds, securities, etc. 145,051.70
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures 2,600.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents) 4,154.04
Due from approved reserve agents 207,702.22
Checks and other cash items 320.43
Exchanges for clearing house 31.15
Notes of other National Banks 15,750.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents 214.93
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:
Specie \$7,063.00
Legal-tender fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation) 2,500.00
Total \$554,943.91

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in \$50,000.00
Surplus fund 145,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 15,152.51
National Bank Notes outstanding 50,000.00
Due to other National Banks 5,389.35
Individual deposits subject to check 508,589.90
Cashier's checks outstanding 212.15
Total \$824,243.91

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RESOURCES.
Loans and Discounts \$384,371.00
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured 86.18
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 100,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds 1,000.00
Bonds, securities, etc. 14,475.50
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures 6,500.00
Total \$506,432.73

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RESOURCES.
Loans and Discounts \$107,828.13
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured 1,584.28
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 50,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds 250.00
Bonds, securities, etc. 19,340.00
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures 24,115.00
Due from approved reserve agents 4,087.41
Checks and other cash items 703.00
Notes of other National Banks 2,250.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents 802.87
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:
Specie \$15,857.00
Legal-tender notes 2,410.00
Total \$250,045.32

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in \$50,000.00
Surplus fund 25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 4,420.00
National Bank Notes outstanding 50,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check 173,500.44
Demand certificates of deposit 55.40
Time certificates of deposit 12,244.79
Total \$320,844.32

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF VANDERBILT, IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, NOVEMBER 20th, 1912.

RESOURCES.
Loans and Discounts \$114,332.39
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured 7.42
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 25,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds 4,420.00
Bonds, securities, etc. 10,000.00
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures 39,291.20
Due from approved reserve agents 814.32
Checks and other cash items 485.00
Notes of other National Banks 142.56
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents 8,593.30
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:
Specie \$7,513.30
Legal-tender notes 1,380.00
Total \$195,105.93

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in \$25,000.00
Surplus fund 9,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 2,158.04
National Bank Notes outstanding 25,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check \$ 65,474.44
Demand certificates of deposit 720.01
Time certificates of deposit 63,200.22
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However, a little later we had a comfortable chat. Mr. Gryce had made a discovery, and the papers were full of it.

The opinion had become quite general with those best acquainted with the details of this affair, that the mystery was one of those abnormal ones for which no solution would ever be found, when the aged detective showed himself in the building and was taken to the room, where an inspector of police awaited him.

"This is very good of you," the inspector began, glancing down at the aged detective's bandaged legs, and gently pushing a chair towards him. The elderly man thus addressed glanced down at his legs, now propped up on a stool which someone had brought him, and smiled, with the pathos of the old who sees the interests of a lifetime slipping gradually away.

"I am not what I was. I can no longer get down on my hands and knees to pick up threads from the nap of a rug, or spy out a spot of blood in the crimson wood of a carpet. You shall have Sweetwater here to do the active work for you. What we want of you is the divining mind—the infallible instinct. It's a case in a thousand, Gryce. It will make you young again."

The old man's eyes shot fire and unconsciously one foot slipped to the floor. Then he brought himself and painfully lifted it back again.

"What are the points? What's the difficulty?" he asked. "A woman has been shot."

"No, not shot, stabbed. We thought she had been shot, for that was intelligible and involved no impossibilities. But Mrs. Heath and Webster, under the eye of the Chalmers' own physician, have made an examination of the wound and they declare that no bullet is to be found in the body. As the wound extends no further than the heart, this settles one great point, at least. You know the victim? Her name, I mean, and the character she bore?"

"Yes, so much was told me on my way down."

"A fine girl unspoiled by riches and seeming independence. Happy, too, to all appearance, or we should be more ready to consider the possibility of suicide."

"Suicide by stabbing calls for a weapon. Yet none has been found, I hear."

"None."

"Yet she was killed that way?"

"Indubitably, and by a long and very narrow blade, larger than a needle, but not so large as the ordinary stiletto."

"Stabbed while by herself, or what you may call by herself? She had no companion near her?"

"None, if we can believe the four members of the Parrish family who were seated at the other end of the room."

"And you do believe them?"

"Would a whole family lie—and needlessly?"

"It wouldn't seem so."

"She felt just a few feet from the desk where she had been writing. No word, no cry, just a collapse and sudden fall. She never looked up or spoke again. What do you make of it, Gryce?"

"It's a tough one, and I'm not ready to venture an opinion yet. I should like to see the desk you speak of, and the spot where she fell."

A young fellow who had been hovering in the background at once stepped forward. He was the plain-faced detective who had spoken to George.

"Will you take my arm, sir?"

Mr. Gryce's whole face brightened. This Sweetwater, as they called him, was, I have since understood, one of his proteges and more or less of a favorite.

"Have you had a chance at this thing?" he asked.

"Yes, sir; they were good enough to allow it."

"Very well, then, you're in a position to pioneer me. You've seen it all and won't be in a hurry."

"No; I'm at the end of my rope. I haven't an idea, sir."

"Well, well, that's honest at all events. Then, as he slowly rose with the other's careful assistance, "There's no crime without its clue. The thing is to recognize that clue when seen. But I'm in no position to make pronouncements."

The mercenary was guarded from all visitors more such as had official sanction. Consequently, the two remained quite uninterrupted while they moved about the place in quiet consultation. The locale was what Gryce wanted, and he got it. Whether he got anything else it would be impossible to say from his manner as he finally sank into a chair by one of the openings, and looked down on the lobby below. It was full of people coming and going in all sorts of business, and presently he drew back, and, leaning on Sweetwater's arm, asked him a few questions.

"Who were the first to rush in here after the Parrishers gave the alarm?"

"One or two of the musicians from the end of the hall. They had just

wish especially to ask you in regard to the dreadful occurrence in which you played so kind a part. You were the first to reach the prostrate woman, I believe."

"Yes. The boys jumped up and ran towards her, but they were frightened by her looks and left it for me to put my hands under and try to lift her up."

"Did you manage it?"

"I succeeded in getting her head into my lap, nothing more."

"And at so?"

"For some little time."

"You know she was dead, then?"

"I felt her to be so."

"How felt?"

"I was sure—I never questioned it. You have seen women in a faint?"

"Yes, many times."

"What made the difference? Why should you believe Miss Chalmers dead simply because she lay still and apparently lifeless?"

"I cannot tell you. Possibly, death tells its own story. I only know how I felt."

"Perhaps there was another reason? Perhaps, that, consciously or unconsciously, you laid your palm upon her heart?"

Miss Clarke started, and her sweet face showed a moment's perplexity. "Did I?" she queried, musingly. Then with a suddenness of feeling "I may have done so, indeed, I do love I did. My arms were around her; it would not have been an unnatural action."

"No; a very natural one. I should say. Cannot you tell me positively whether you did this or not?"

"Yes, I did. I had forgotten it, but I remember now." And then she came him while not meeting his eyes showed that she understood the importance of the admission. "I know," she said, "what you are going to ask me now. Did I feel anything there but the flowers and the tulip? No, Mr. Gryce, I did not. There was no poison in the wound."

Mr. Gryce felt around, found a chair and sank into it.

"You are a truthful woman," he said. "And," he added more slowly, "composed enough in character I should judge not to have made any mistake on this very vital point."

"I think so, Mr. Gryce. I was in a state of excitement, of course; but the woman was a stranger to me, and my feelings were not unduly agitated."

"Sweetwater, we can let my suggestion go in regard to those ten minutes I spoke of. The time is narrowed down to one, and in that one, Miss Clarke was the only person to touch her."

"The only one," echoed the lady, catching perhaps the slight rising sound of query in his voice.

"I will trouble you no further," he said the old detective, thoughtfully. "Sweetwater, help me out of this."

"But one possibility remains," he confided to Sweetwater, as they stood waiting at the elevator door. "Miss Chalmers died from a stab. What follows? She struck the blow herself, and the strength of purpose which led her to do this, gave her the additional force to pull the weapon out and drag it from her. It did not fall upon the floor around her; therefore, it flew through one of those openings into the lobby, and there it either will be, or has been found."

CHAPTER V.
The Red Cloak.

"What results? Speak up, Sweetwater."

"None. Every man, woman and boy connected with the hotel has been questioned, but not one of them picked up anything from the floor of the lobby, or knows of any one who did."

A bulletin was put up.

Some hours later, Sweetwater re-entered the room, and, approaching Mr. Gryce with a smile, blurted out: "The bulletin is a great go. I've watched every one who stopped to read it. Many showed interest and many emotion; she seems to have a troop of friends. But embarrassment! Only one showed that."

"Embarrassment? (Humph!) a man?"

"No, a woman; a lady, sir; one of the transients."

"A woman? Where is she? Still in the lobby?"

"No, sir. She took the elevator while I was talking with the clerk."

"You mistook her expression?"

"I don't think so. I had noticed her when she first came into the lobby. She was talking to her daughter who was with her, and looked natural and happy. But no sooner had she seen and read that bulletin, than the blood shot up into her face and her manner became furtive and hasty. Almost before I could point her out, she had seized her daughter by the arm and hurried her towards the elevator. Her room is on the seventh floor, number 712, and her name is Watkins. Mrs. Horace Watkins of Nashville."

"Call the desk. Say that I'm to be told if Mrs. Watkins of Nashville rings up during the next ten minutes. We'll give her that long to take some action."

Sweetwater did as he was bid, then went back to his place in the lobby.

But he returned almost instantly. "Mrs. Watkins has just telephoned down that she is going to leave, sir."

"To leave?"

"The old man struggled to his feet. No. 712, do you say? Seven stories," he sighed. But as he turned with a hobble, he stopped. "There are difficulties in the way of this interview," he remarked. "A bluish is not much to go upon. I'm afraid we shall have to resort to the shadow business and that is your work, not mine."

But here the door opened and a boy brought in a line which had been left at the desk. It related to the very matter then engaging them, and ran thus:—

"I see that information is desired as to whether any person was seen to stoop to the lobby floor last night, or shortly after the critical moment of Miss Chalmers' fall in the half story above. I can give such information. I was in the lobby at the time, and in the height of the confusion following this alarming incident, I remember seeing a lady—one of the new arrivals (there were several coming in at the time)—stoop quickly down and pick up something from the floor. I thought nothing of it at the time, and so paid little attention to her appearance. I can only recall the suddenness with which she stooped and the color of the cloak she wore. It was red, and the whole garment was voluminous. If you wish further particulars—though in truth, I have no more to give, you can find me in room 556."

"HENRY A. MELROY."

"Humph! This should simplify our task," was Mr. Gryce's comment, as he handed the note over to Sweetwater. "You can easily find out it the lady, now on the point of departure, can be identified with the one described by Mr. Melroy. If she can, I am ready to meet her anywhere."

And so it happened that just as Mrs. Watkins was watching the wheeling out of her trunks, there appeared in the doorway before her, an elderly gentleman, whose expression, always benevolent, as at moments when he would be quite out of keeping with the situation, had for some reason, so marked an effect upon her, that she colored under his eye, and, indeed, showed such embarrassment, that all doubt of the propriety of his intrusion vanished from the old man's mind, and with the ease of one who too well accustomed to such scenes, he kindly remarked:

"Am I speaking to Mrs. Watkins of Nashville?"

"You are," she faltered, with another rapid change of color. "I—I am just leaving. I hope you will excuse me."

"I wish I could," he smiled, hobbling in and confronting her quietly in her own room. "But circumstances make it quite imperative that I should have a few words with you on a topic which need not be disagreeable to you, and probably will not be. My name is Gryce. A beautiful and charming young woman died here last night. May I ask if you know her?"

"If I never saw the young lady, why do you ask? I do not recognize your right. I—I—"

Mr. Gryce made one of his low bows and propping himself against the table he stood before, remarked coolly:

"I had rather not force my rights. I thought perhaps you could tell me something which would aid me in my effort to elicit the real facts of the case. You were crossing the lobby at the time?"

"Yes," she raised her head. "So was a deaconess."

"Madam!"—the interruption was made in his kindest tones, but in a way which nevertheless suggested authority. "Something was picked up from the floor at that moment. Am I not correct? Didn't you see a certain person—I will mention no names—stoop and pick up something from the lobby floor?"

"No." The word came out with startling violence. But her lips quivered, and her cheeks were white, too white now for simple indignation.

"When I have made a big mistake," apologized the ever-courteous detective. "Will you pardon me? It would have settled a very serious question if it could be found that the object thus picked up was the weapon which killed Miss Chalmers. That is my excuse for the trouble I have given you."

The door burst open, and a young girl bounded into the room, with the merry cry:

"All ready, mother. I'm glad we are going to the Claradon. I hate hotels where people die almost before your eyes."

The cloak which enveloped the girl was red, and full enough to be called voluminous.

"Who is this?" demanded the girl, her indignant glances flashing from one to the other.

"I don't know," faltered the mother in very evident distress. "He says he has a right to ask us questions and he has been asking questions about—about—"

"Not about me," laughed the girl, with a toss of her head. "He can have nothing to say about me." And she began to move about the room in an aimless, half-insolent way.

Mr. Gryce stared hard at the few remaining belongings of the two women, lying in a heap on the table, and half meaningly, half deprecatingly, remarked:

"The person who stooped were a long red cloak. Probably you predated your daughter, Mrs. Watkins."

The lady brought to the point made a quick gesture towards the girl who suddenly stood still, and with a rising color in her cheeks, answered, with some show of resolution on her own part:

"You say your name is Gryce and that you have a right to address me thus pointedly on a subject which you evidently regard as serious. That is not exact enough for me. Who are you, sir? What is your business?"

"I think you have guessed it. I am a detective from headquarters. Perhaps this young lady can tell me what you cannot."

"Caroline!"—Then the mother broke down. "Show the gentleman what you picked up from the lobby floor last night."

The girl laughed again, loudly and with evident bravado, before she threw the cloak back and showed what she had evidently been holding in her hand from the first, a sharp-pointed, gold-handled paper-cutter.

"It was lying there and I picked it up. I don't see any harm in that."

"You probably meant none. You couldn't have known the part it had

just played in this tragic drama," said the old detective, looking carefully at the cutter which he had taken in his hand.

"You have washed this?" he asked.

"No. Why should I wash it? It was clean enough. I was just going down to give it to the desk."

And she turned aside to the window and began to hum, as though done with the whole matter.

The old detective rubbed his chin, glanced again at the paper-cutter, then at the girl in the window, and lastly at the mother, who had lifted her head again and was facing him bravely.

"It is very important," he purred to the latter, "that your daughter should be correct in her statement as to the condition of this article when she picked it up. Are you sure she did not wash it?"

"I don't think she did. But I'm sure she will tell you the truth about that. Caroline, this is a police matter. Any mistake about it may involve us in a world of trouble and keep you from getting back home in time for your coming-out party. Did you—did you wash this cutter when you got up stairs, or—"

"Proprietary glance at Mr. Gryce—" "wipe it off at any time between then and now?" he asked.

"Mother, how can I tell what I did? I asked the girl, wheeling round on her head till she faced them both.

"Such a lot of talk about a paltry thing which couldn't have cost ten dollars." And she wheeled back.

"I can't see the value of it," Mr. Gryce could be very patient. "It's the fact that we believe it to have been an answer for Miss Chalmers' death—that is, if there was any blood on it when you picked it up."

"Blood!" The girl was facing them again, astonishment struggling with disgust on her plain but mobile features. "Blood! Is that what you mean? Take it away," she cried. "Blood!" she repeated in horror, flinging herself into her mother's arms.

Mr. Gryce thought he understood the situation. Here was a little kidnapomania whose weakness the mother was struggling to hide.

"Does that frighten you? Are you so affected by the thought of blood?"

"Don't ask me. And I put the thing under my pillow! I thought it was so—so pretty."

"Mrs. Watkins," Mr. Gryce from that moment ignored the daughter, "did you see it there?"

"Yes; but I didn't know where it came from. I had not seen my daughter

stop. I didn't know where she got it till I read that bulletin."

"Never mind that. The question agitating me is whether any stain was left under that pillow."

"I didn't see any stain, but you can look for yourself. The bed has been made up, but there was no change of linen. We expected to remain here; I see no good to be gained by hiding any of the facts now."

"None whatever, madam."

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in the mother's tones. Mr. Gryce's ears had lost none of their ancient acuteness.

"I do not see that I should gain much by doing so. The one discovery which would link this find of yours indissolubly with Miss Chalmers' death, I have failed to make. Do you remember the exact spot where you stooped, Miss Watkins?"

"No, no. Somewhere near those big chairs; I didn't have to stoop out of my way; I really didn't."

Mr. Gryce's answering smile was a study. It seemed to convey a two-fold message, one for the mother and one for the child, and both were, comforting. But he went away, disappointed. The clue which promised so much was, to all appearance, a false one. He could soon tell.

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